Setting up a Mega Aluminium Complex in Orissa

3112. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Mega Aluminim Complex in Orissa,

(b) if so, details and location thereof;

(c) the yearly target fixed therefor; and

(d) the amount of domestic head as well as foreign exchange likely to be earned by the country during the year?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDERA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) No, Sir, The Government have no proposal to set up any Mega Aluminium Complex in the State of Orissa.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Investigation in the Award of Mining Contract in Balco

3113. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether one man enquiry committee headed by the Director, Ministry of Mines, was set up during December, 1995 to investigate allegation against award to Mainpat Mining Contract of BALCO, Korba to a contractor in violation of contract norms, etc. during 1993;

(b) if so, whether the said committee in its report recommended payment of compensation to the aggrieved parties involved in the said tender and also action against the officials of BALCO involved in the said tender; and

(c) if so, action taken by the BALCO to provide compensation to the contractors and also against the erring officials of BALCO, Korba?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BATSHYA): (a) A one member Committee was set up by the Government to ascertain the facts relating to the allegations made in the representation of the Contractor regarding termination of the contract by Bharat Aluminium Company Limited for mining and transportation of Bauxite Ore from Mainpat to Alumina Plant at Korba.

(b) The Committee has since submitted its report in which, inter-alia, payment of compensation to the contractor/award of new work to the contractor making the representation at enhanced rates has been recommended.

(c) The matter is under arbitration as per orders of District Judge, Bilaspur.

Export of Aluminium and Aluminium Products

3114. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) The total anuual prodcution and consumption of aluminium in the country during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) the total annual export of aluminium and aluminium products during the above period;

(c) whether the prodcution of aluminium in the country is sufficient to meet the demand;

(d) whether Government propose to take steps to absorb latest technology for better yeild of aluminium;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) The production of Prmiary Aluminium metal, consumption and export of aluminium and aluninium products during 1995-96 is indicated below:—

(In Metric Tonnes)

Year	Production	Consumption	Export
1995-96	529264	521000	69636
1996-97	523849 (Prov)	573000 (Prov)	168532*

(*Provisional April'96 to Feb'97 Subject to change)

(c) to (f) The installed capacity for production of aluminium of the five primary producers of aluminium is 6,70,000 tonnes comprising 3,18,000 tonnes in Public Sector